IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

Crl. Misc. No. 73616-M of 2006

DATE OF DECISION : 30.01.2007

Pankaj Verma

.... PETITIONER

Versus

State of Haryana

..... RESPONDENT

CORAM :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH KUMAR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Rakesh Nehra, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Partap Singh, Senior DAG, Haryana.

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Petitioner Pankaj Verma has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 260 dated 3.5.2006 under Sections 420/406/467/468/471/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Rohtak.

I have heard counsel for the parties and gone through the contents of the FIR as well as the order dated 7.11.2006, passed by Sessions Judge, Rohtak, whereby bail to the petitioner has been declined.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the allegations in the FIR, Rajiv and Rakesh impersonated themselves as Parmod and Dinesh and got opened an account in HDFC Bank in the name of M/s Gulf Oil Corporation Limited and thereafter by depositing certain cheques of M/s Gulf Oil Corporation Limited encashed the said amount. During the investigation, it was found that one Bhagwan Singh prepared residential proof of the aforesaid two persons. As per the prosecution version, allegation against the petitioner is that he supplied those forged documents, prepared by Bhagwan Singh, to the main accused. Counsel contends that the petitioner is in custody since 26.8.2006 and even charge has not been framed. The trial is not likely to conclude soon.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner and he is, accordingly, ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Rohtak.

January 30, 2007 **(SATISH KUMAR MITTAL)**
ndj **JUDGE**